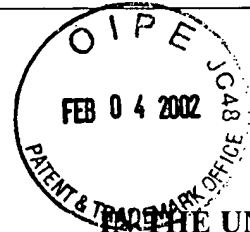


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**AMENDMENT,  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT and  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 25, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 8, kindly add the following:

**Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of USSN 08/904,826; filed on August 1, 1997  
(now abandoned), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.